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Nashville Men Indicted For Theft of State Grant Money

Two Nashville area men defrauded the state of \$62,075 in grant funds while claiming they provided addiction recovery services to deceased and incarcerated individuals. This is revealed in a special investigation completed by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office in conjunction with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Clinton Lewis and Andre Trice have each been indicted on four counts of theft by the Davidson County Grand Jury.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Trice stole the money while doing business as Mount Hopewell Community Development Corporation (Mount Hopewell). Mount Hopewell received funds through the Tennessee Addiction Recovery Program, which is administered by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services.

Mr. Lewis, who served as president, and Mr. Trice, who served as executive director, filed fraudulent requests for payment for addiction recovery services that were never provided. In addition to several "clients" who were either deceased or incarcerated, other individuals had not received addiction recovery services for years or had never received these services.

The state grant funds were deposited into a bank account controlled by Mr. Lewis. He issued checks totaling \$60,445 from this account directly to himself and Mr. Trice for personal use.

To view the special investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>

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